

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Meeting of March 5, 2015

Lower Lake United Methodist Church Social Hall, 16255 2nd Street, Lower Lake

6:30 pm

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Becky Curry. Roll call was taken by Secretary Rubin.

Voting Members Present:

District 1: R. Green; W. Harris; A. Rubin; District 2: L. Baron; S. Howland; W. Manners; H. Riley; D. Smith District 3: J. Evans; L. Rigod; J. Sheehy, District 4: M. Harris; District 5: B. Curry; A. Esutoki, H. Luia; Ex Officio Alternates: J. Conard (Dodd); W. Holbrooke (Thompson); J. Swetnam (Garamendi)

Voting Members Absent:

District 4: V. Cerenio (x); T. Jordan (x); N. Strasser (x)

Alternate Members Present

District 1: G. Zeit District 4: T. Jordan (Cerenio); V. Spohn (T. Jordan)

Associate Members Present:

District 3: R. East; C. Leskar, District 5: L. Acosta; G. Parrillo

Guests:

Carlos Negrete; Mike Dunlap; Lolita Dunlap; Cindy Koehn

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda: J.Swetnam. 2nd: J. Evans. Approved as presented.

Approval of Feb. 5, 2015 Minutes:

Secretary Rubin made correction to the roll call vote: one member was not eligible to vote because he was not current on his dues. Therefore there were 3 yes votes, not 4 as originally stated. Motion to approve agenda as amended: A. Esutoki. 2nd: J. Evans. Approved.

Public Comment:

None.

Committee Appointments:

Resignation : Wanda Quitiquit, D3. Motion to approve resignation with regret : J. Evans, 2nd A. Esutoki. Resignation approved. Secretary Rubin will send thank you letter.

Appointment of alternates: D1- Greta Zeit (Rubin), D4-Toni Jordan (Cerenio), Vern Spohn (T.Jordan).

Legislator's Reports:

Congress Member Mike Thompson

Wally Holbrooke read highlights of the Congressman's monthly report.

- Congressman Thompson has announced the Congressional Art Competition for high school students. Deadline to submit art work is 3/30/15.
- Introduced a bill together with Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein to permanently protect Berryessa Snow Mountain.
- Together with US Trade Ambassador Frohman, launched a coalition and has challenged the WTO to crack down on China's questionable trade export subsidies program.
- Thompson had to vote against one of his own bills since the republicans rejected it and there was no means to pay for it, resulting in a \$1.2 billion addition to the deficit.
- Announcement that there is \$4.8 million in emergency funds for earth quake recovery.
- Bi-partisan opposition against the President's proposed cuts to royalties for geothermal and other forms of energy.
- Invasive Species Caucus work is continuing this year to prevent the spread of invasive species.
- Congressman Thompson introduced a bill a year ago requiring that all American flags be manufactured in the US. This effort is continuing and Department of Defense will purchase made in the United States flags only.
- March is Women's History Month: Congressman Thompson recognized women's significant contribution throughout time and noted that women's history month originated in Sonoma County.
- Bi-partisan King/Thompson background checks bill (for commercial and internet gun sales), aka "the public safety and second amendment rights protection act of 2015".

Full report available on the website, www.lakecountymocrats.org.

Congress Member John Garamendi

Joy Swetnam reported that:

- Congress man Garamendi and Senator Feinstein introduced companion bills to the Senate and House of Representatives to make the Bay delta a National Heritage Area. (Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Establishment Act).
- Garamendi led a group of legislators in writing a letter to Department of Transportation opposing the delay in implementing the oil rail safety standards to do with transporting oil tanker train through highly populated areas.
- Introduced a resolution, HR1060, that will accelerate the completion of a feasibility study of reservoirs in Glenn and Colusa Counties.

See report on our website.

State Senator Mike McGuire:

No alternate appointed to date. No report from the Senator.

Assembly Member Dodd:

Judy Conard reported that:

- Introduced AB367 allocating more than \$2 million for the restoration of Clear Lake's wetlands, maintaining eco system and water quality.
- BBQ: Date to be announced but probably 5/31 or 5/23 at Chasewater winery.
- Introduced a gender equity bill.

Chair Curry asked for a motion to write a letter to the above legislators who have been working so hard for Lake County. Motion: J. Evans. 2nd: J. Swetnam. Approved.

Chair reported that chartering documents were received from both clubs and everything is in order. Executive board reviewed and had no comments. Motion to accept chartering of both clubs for another year: J. Evans. 2nd: W. Holbrooke. Approved.

Club Reports:

Lake County Democratic Club:

Club Representative Dave Smith reported that:

- Supervisor Jeff Smith was the speaker at the 2/10 meeting and his topic was State of Jefferson.
- The Club has \$7610.07 on hand.
- The Club had some volunteers at the Black History Month event in Clearlake.
- Monica Rosenthal is running for supervisor of District 1.

Next Club meeting will be on Tuesday March 10th at 6:30 pm at the United Methodist Church in Lower Lake. Guest speaker will be Clearlake City Councilman Bruno Sabatier.

Stonewall Club:

Club representative Wanda Harris reported that:

- The Club met on 1/29.
- Decision was made to continue the Club.
- They have 26 members.
- Executive Board to meet in April.
- Club officers are: H. Riley Chair, B. Bennet Secretary, W. Harris Treasurer and representative to the Central Committee.

Officer's Reports:

Chair:

Chair Curry reported that:

- She is still meeting with Victoria Brandon, Ed Robey and Dennis Darling about the potential Walmart expansion. There is no firm word on what is happening, but rumors and speculations abound. The group is continuing to keep an eye on it.
- State of Jefferson: thanks to all who took action and emailed or called their District Supervisors and who attended the BoS meeting. It worked and the Supervisors turned and decided the matter will go on the ballot.
- Motion to send letters of thanks to the supervisors who stood with us: J. Swetnam. 2nd: H. Luia. Approved. Letters will be sent to Supervisors Anthony Farrington, Jeff Smith and Jim Steele from the organization.
- Convention information: Convention hotel blocks are open. Registration to the convention opens Mon. 3/9. Summer/Fall Executive Board is Aug. 14-16 in Burlingame. The 2016 state convention Feb. 26-28 in San Jose at the convention center.
- Liability insurance is sorted out and Treasurer Evans will cut a check.

Vice Chair:

Vice Chair Esutoki reported that:

- DPLC will get benefit from signing people up for Dem2016, which is a commitment by individuals to donate a set amount monthly for up to a year.
- State of Jefferson resolution: it will be on the ballot.
- He met with Supervisors of D 2 and 3 as well as D 4 prior to the BoS meeting on 3/3.
- Upper Lake Town Hall meeting Mar. 4: Issues discussed were proposed bank closure, proposed roundabouts in a few locations around the county, road overlay between Nice and Hwy 53.
- CDC Dem Club: Leadership and treasures workshop in Napa 3/14. Details posted on the website.
- CDC's People Empowerment Summit: Fresno Mar.20-22 at 5241 N. Maple Av., Fresno, at the college. Changing the democratic party structure from the bottom up.

Secretary:

Secretary Rubin reported from D1:

- She attended the 2/7/15 Middletown Area Town Hall (MATH) meeting. Two main topics were the State of Jefferson and the Wild Diamond vineyard being installed very close to a heavily populated area.
- While the MATH meeting was taking place, the Hidden Valley Lake Board of Directors decided unanimously to request an environmental impact report for the area where the vineyard is being installed.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Evans reported that balance on hand is \$1104.

Elections:

Becky Curry: Nothing to report.

The committee will meet in April. Date TBA.

Finance:

J. Evans reported that:

- One new member joined in February, Mark Kropp. We now have three new members since January.
- Liability insurance policy in such a way that it puts Central Committee, clubs and officers at risk, should there be a claim.
- Motion that LCDCC stop offering the Stonewall Club to be an undocumented rider on the DCC insurance purchased from the CDP: J. Evans. 2nd: A. Esutoki. Approved.

Issues:

Ron Green reported that the committee will be meeting on Mar. 22 at Judy's house at 2:00pm. Anyone interested in attending may ask Ron for details/directions.

Voter Registration:

Becky thanked Shirley, Gillian, Dave and Cindy for volunteering at the Black History Month event to register voters.

On Going Business:

- Becky: Asked members to consider signing the volunteer list for Congressman Thompson's Ravioli Feed and thanked those who already signed it. We will set up and clean up and run the dessert auction.
- Workshop: Strategic Planning workshop Sun. March 8 at 12:00-4:00 pm at Clear Lake Riviera Club House.

New Business:

- W. Harris nominated L. Acosta as a delegate to the state convention. Chair Curry informed that the final rosters have been submitted and a delegate can only be appointed after this convention.
- Nomination of L. Acosta for D5 open seat:
J. Swetnam reminded Chair that she had nominated L. Acosta for the D5 seat in October, but as the nominee wasn't present at the following DCC meeting the nomination was never voted on. J. Swetnam requested to rescind her nomination of L. Acosta.
New motion to nominate L. Acosta to D5 open seat: W. Harris. 2nd: S. Howland. Two members opposed. Nomination approved by majority of voting members present.
Election of L. Acosta to open seat in D5 will be voted on at the next meeting.

- Ad Hoc Bylaw Committee: J. Conard reported that everyone had an opportunity to review the proposed changes to the bylaws at the last meeting, comments were heard and there was no opposition to the proposed changes. Motion to accept the proposed by-law changes: J. Conard. 2nd: A. Esutoki. Approved.

Next meeting will be on Thursday April 2, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Lakeport Senior Center, 527 Konocti Ave., Lakeport CA.

Adjourned 7:25 pm

Minutes recorded by Secretary Anne Rubin.